

Priority Water Quality Standards Development Schedule for California

Parameter	Milestones/Key Dates	Projected Date
Toxicity	EPA OWM releases technical product, "Test of Significant Toxicity (TST)," an alternate statistical approach which can be used by States	3 rd Qtr FY10
	CA drafts toxicity policy and provides public meetings to stakeholders	1 st Qtr FY11
	CA analyzes statewide results with effluents and ambient waters using the TST – Test Drive Report	1 st Qtr FY11
	CA initiates peer-review of their toxicity policy and use of TST approach	2 nd Qtr FY12
	CA State Board conducts workshop and toxicity policy adoption	3 rd Qtr FY12
Selenium	EPA prepares proposed site-specific criteria document for SF Bay & Delta	4 th Q FY12
	EPA completes coordination with FWS and NMFS on criteria document	3 rd Qtr FY13
	EPA completes external peer review of criteria document	3 rd Qtr FY14
	EPA provides peer-reviewed criteria document to CA State Board	3 rd Qtr FY14
	CA begins WQS proposal process (staff report, workshop, hearing, SB adoption)	4 th Qtr FY14
	EPA starts Phase 2 (rest of CA)	4 th Qtr FY14
Methyl Mercury	EPA and CA initiates Tribal Fish Consumption Study to inform proposed CA fish consumption criteria	3 rd Qtr FY12
	CA completes peer review of final proposed standard (w/o tribal update)	4 th Qtr FY12
	CA State Board conducts public review of draft standard (w/o tribal update)	2 nd Qtr FY13
	CA State Board adopts final standard (w/o tribal update)	4 th Qtr FY13
Cadmium	CA State Board revises package and adopts Cd objectives	2 nd Qtr FY13
Nutrients	Public scoping meeting	1 st Qtr FY12
	Update freshwater NNE framework document	4 th Qtr FY12
	Peer review nutrient policy and CA NNE	1 st Qtr FY13
	CA State Board proposes draft nutrient policy	2 nd Qtr FY13
	CA State Board adopts freshwater nutrient policy	1 st Qtr FY14
Biocriteria	Complete technical work	1 st Qtr FY13
	Scientific Review Committee reviews technical work	2 nd Qtr FY13
	CA State Board develops draft policy	3 rd Qtr FY13
	Peer review biological objectives and policy	4 th Qtr FY13
	CA State Board proposes draft biological objectives and policy	1 st Qtr FY14
	CA State Board adopts biological objectives and policy	3 rd Qtr FY14